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REMARKS

Claims 5 and 17 have been amended in light of the Examiner's remarks in the above Office Communication. No new matter has been added. Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendments and reconsideration of the application in view of the amendments and the following remarks.

Relationship between Claims 17-22 and the elected species

The Examiner points out that Applicant did not indicate which of added Claims 17-22, if any, read on the elected species and which of these claims, if any, are generic to the elected species as required. The relationship between Claims 17-22 and the elected species is explained below.

The elected species includes the rotation drum sticking body, Claims 5 and 6. Claims 17, 18, 21, and 22 are readable on the elected species. Further, Claims 17, 21, and 22 are generic because the recitations are common to all the species, and no material element is added to the species. Claims 19 and 20 are neither generic nor readable on the species and thus, these claims are currently withdrawn. However, these claims are dependent on Claim 17 which is a generic claim, and for this reason, once Claim 17 is allowed, these claims will be allowable.

Claim amendments

The Examiner points out that there has been a misunderstanding of the meaning of the claim step of reciprocating the sticking surface of the sticking body. The Examiner describes her understanding of the step based on Applicant's argument. Claims 5 and 17 have been clarified as the Examiner describes. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the claimed method in view of the clarified meaning of the step.

In view of the foregoing Remarks and Amendments, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any remaining concerns which might prevent the prompt allowance of the application, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number appearing below.

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Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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